

HOUSE No. 818

By Mr. Linsky of Natick, petition of David Paul Linsky and others
for legislation to repeal the sodomy laws of the Commonwealth. The
Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

David Paul Linsky	William G. Conley
Susan C. Fargo	Robert A. O'Leary
Ruth B. Balser	Ellen Story
Douglas W. Petersen	Alice Hanlon Peisch
Michael E. Festa	

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE SODOMY LAWS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 18 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1998 Official Edition, is hereby repealed.

3 SECTION 2. Section 34 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as
4 so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the words “com-
5 mits the abominable and detestable crime against nature, either
6 with mankind or” and inserting in place thereof the words:—
7 engages in sexual relations.

1 SECTION 3. Section 35 of chapter 272 of the General Laws, as
2 so appearing, is hereby repealed.